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SUBJECT: ITALIAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS

REF: SANTIAGO 3509

1. FONOFF SOURCE CONFIRMED REPORT REFTEL THAT ROME-SANTIAGO RELATIONS REMAIN AT AN IMPASSE OVER ITALIAN REFUSAL TO TAKE FORMAL STEP TO RECOGNIZE GOC REGIME. OFFICIAL SAID THAT REASON FOR ITALIAN STONEWALLING ON RECOGNITION QUESTION IS CONTINUED OPPOSITION OF SOCIALISTS (PSI) WHO, AS MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT COALITION, ARE IN EFFECT EXERCISING A VETO ON THE ISSUE. GIVEN OVERRIDING CONCERN HERE WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS REQUIRING PSI COOPERATION, SOURCE SAW LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF EARLY CHANGE IN GOI POSITION. QUESTION OF 8 REFUGEES REMAINING IN ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SOME PRESS ATTENTION HERE BUT HAS NOT REACHED POINT WHERE GOVERNMENT MIGHT FEEL PRESSURED TO REEVALUATE SITUATION.

2. SOURCE SEEMED GENERALLY RESIGNED TO CURRENT IMPASSE BUT EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT SANTIAGO MIGHT EVENTUALLY DECIDE TO BREAK RELATIONS. AS A TECHNICAL POINT, OFFICIAL NOTED THAT THE MAN CHILEANS HAD CHARACTERIZED AS UNACCREDITED ITALIAN CHARGE WAS IN FACT MERELY ADDITIONAL EMBASSY CONSELOR. VOLPE

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